

West Virginia Victory Statement

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~~MY VICTORY OVER GEORGE WALLACE IN WEST VIRGINIA~~

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FIR THEIR VITE OF CONFIDENCE,  
REAL FRIEND AND CHAMPION IS.

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THE MAN WHO HAS THE COMMITMENT AND TOUGH EXPERIENCE TO  
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I want to thank the working families of West Virginia for their vote of confidence.

A tough battle is shaping up in America.

The issue is whether we will have government in the interest of the privileged few or government that is responsive to the needs of all Americans.

For all of my life I stood up -- often alone -- against those interests who tried to deny decency and a good life for average Americans.

It's going to take this same kind of tough commitment, experience and know-how to end tax injustice in America -- close the loopholes for the giant corporations, provide jobs for all who want to work, halt the rise in prices and bring us peace at home and abroad.

In 1960 John Kennedy brought a message to America out of West Virginia: It's time to get this country moving again.

And that, I believe, was their message tonight.



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